

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Confirmation No.: 8564
Yutaka NISHIOKA et al. Group Art Unit: 1792
Application No.: 10/569,470 Examiner: Kelly M. GAMBETTA
Filed: October 20, 2006 Attorney Docket No.: 026390-00034
For: APPARATUS FOR PREPARING OXIDE THIN FILM AND METHOD FOR
PREPARING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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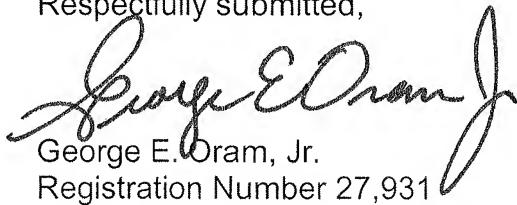
Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated December 1, 2009, the Applicants hereby elect Group 1, directed to Claims 1 and 4 – 10, drawn to a method. This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Group 1, Claims 1 and 4 – 10 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 026390-00034.

Respectfully submitted,



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